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1. Extensive Soviet construction activities are expected in the East Zone with the beginning of spring, for which the various building firms and building unions will have to furnish people. Airfield construction in all probability will be carried out, because the material supply division of the ministry for construction already has made plans for great quantities of cement and working equipment. Consultations are being held in East Berlin with the Dresden building union. In addition, the building material stored in Senftenberg and Bautzen and only recently released has been requisitioned again. These building activities will concern Brandenburg and Saxony especially.
2. New building activity is observable at Nordhausen, where V-2 rockets were formerly manufactured. Trucks loaded with building material travel to the underground works. According to workmen's statements, three large exhausters were installed in the period from 6 to 15 Jan 54. The works lie 104 meters underground, and 36 of the 41 cross-galleries are already in usable condition. The entire reconstructed underground area covers about 135,000 square meters. A few of the galleries are shut off and have been guarded by Soviet soldiers since the end of December 1953.

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3. The Soviet troops stationed at the Tramps training grounds (Kreis Eberswalde) are not engaging in maneuvers, but appear to have taken up winter quarters there. They have 93 vehicles and a large number of short-barreled heavy guns (about 150 mm) mounted on caterpillar tracks; 62 guns have been counted and there are probably more.

4. Supplies in large quantities are arriving at the Soviet Army supply depot at Frankfurt-an-Oder. The factory at Köthen delivered 120 tons of food in December 1953. Large cases of packets are reaching Frankfurt by ship from the Soviet Union. The packets are about 15 by 7 by 5 cm in size, of a walnut-like substance. A consignment that was checked on amounted to eight 5-ton truckloads. The trucks take the packets from Oderhafen.

5. A train with 200 to 250 Soviet soldiers arrived in Frankfurt on 8 Jan 54. They went on to Jüterbog. It appeared to be a rifle unit; the troops had only small arms with them. On 27 Jan 54, forty-seven Soviet families from the Soviet Union arrived at the Frankfurt railway station. It is not known where they went.

6. About 240 Stalin I and Stalin II tanks are parked at Dresden in Königsbrückerstrasse, on the Dresdener Heide. Among them is a section of 12 tanks equipped with flame throwers. These tanks last summer carried numbers from 121 up, but it is to be presumed that the numbers will be changed in the spring. There is also a Soviet unit in Königsbrückerstrasse that has about 100 sheep dogs with it. There is an ammunition depot on the Dresdener Heide up the Marienallee. The gasoline station is located on the road to Grässenhain, close to the auto highway.

7. Eighteen Soviet families are quartered in Döllnitzerstrasse, Leipzig (C1). The women also belong to the Soviet Army, to all appearances. The families have brought no children with them.

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